

Washington, DC-Wednesday, Congressman Harry Teague announced that \$269,562 will be allocated from the Department of Housing and Urban Development to the City of Las Cruces from the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program and that \$3,802,222 will be allocated to the state of New Mexico to for small and rural communities. CDBG funding allows local governments to undertake a wide range of activities intended to create suitable living environments, provide decent affordable housing and create economic opportunities.

“I am pleased to announce that just two weeks after I voted for the economic recovery package we are beginning to see funds flow directly to local communities,” said Congressman Harry Teague. “This funding will grow our economy by creating jobs and new investments in Las Cruces infrastructure projects.”

Mayor of Las Cruces, Ken Miyagishima applauded Congressman Teague’s support of the recovery package. “I want to thank Harry for supporting the recovery package,” said Mayor Miyagishima. “The quick distribution of these funds will allow our city to expand our CDBG related projects and create more jobs.”

Congressman Harry Teague will be working with local government officials to ensure that this economic recovery funding gets to southern New Mexico so jobs can be created as soon as possible. These funds will be directed toward programs that can begin in 120 days.

Earlier this week, the Administration announced that by April 1st, 95% of Americans are going to see their paychecks go up because the withholding taxes are going to fall by April 1st. In addition, just 10 days after the bill was signed, \$15 billion to help with health care for children and seniors is already on the way to states.

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